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## MEDIA RELEASE

SAPD Officer Involved Shooting

A preliminary investigation pertaining to an officer involved shooting reveals the following:

Just after 12:00am on July 7, 2010, Gang Unit officers were patrolling the area when they observed the suspect commit a traffic violation while driving the suspect vehicle. The officers conducted a traffic stop in the 5300 block of Hamilton Wolfe. As the suspect vehicle stopped, the back seat passenger jumped out of the vehicle and began running away from officers. One of the officers chased the suspect and observed that he was reaching into his waistband area. The officer believed the suspect was armed and ordered the suspect to show his hands. The suspect continued to grab at his waistband and refused to stop and show his hands. During the pursuit, the suspect fell and dropped the handgun which was in his right hand. The suspect again reached for his waistband and the officer fired three shots from his duty weapon fearing for his safety. The suspect then surrendered to the officer and was taken into custody. The suspect was not hit by the officer's gunfire.

The shooting team is currently investigating the incident. As per department protocol the officer, a 6 year veteran, will be placed on administrative duty.

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